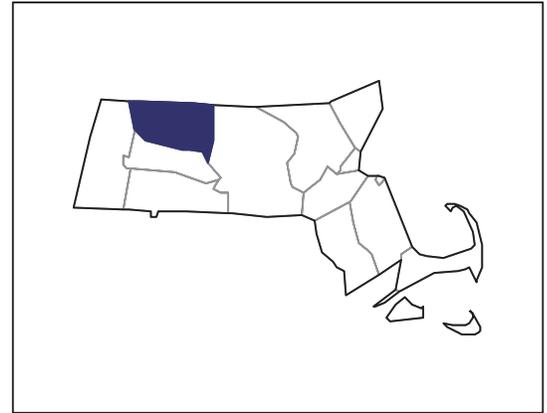


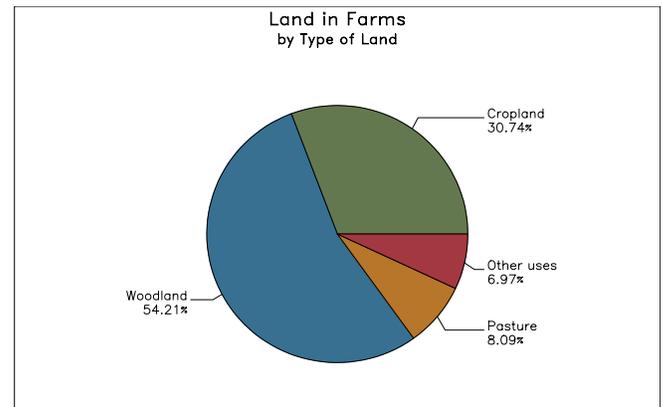
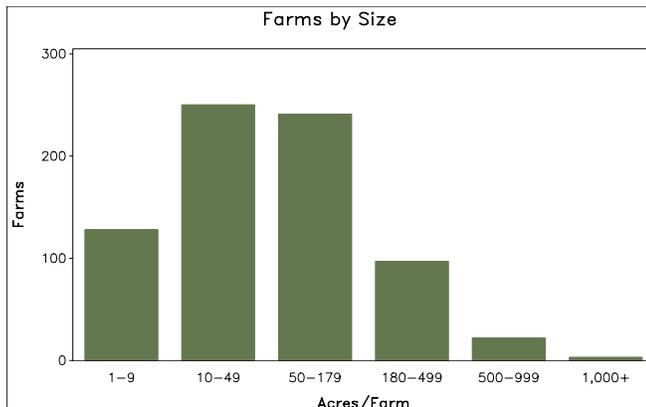
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Franklin, Massachusetts



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 741 | 586 | + 26 |
| Land in Farms | 79,465 acres | 74,281 acres | + 7 |
| Average Size of Farm | 107 acres | 127 acres | - 15 |
| Market Value of Production | \$56,844,000 | \$42,895,000 | + 33 |
| Crop Sales \$36,230,000 (64 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$20,614,000 (36 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$76,712 | \$73,200 | + 5 |
| Government Payments | \$719,000 | \$765,000 | - 6 |
| Average Per Farm | \$7,416 | \$12,752 | - 42 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Franklin, Massachusetts

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

| Item | Quantity | State Rank | Universe ¹ | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 56,844 | 4 | 14 | 1,441 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 36,230 | 5 | 14 | 1,096 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 20,614 | 2 | 14 | 1,493 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 184 | 4 | 9 | 2,361 | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | 2,709 | 3 | 3 | 112 | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | (-) | (-) | (-) | (-) | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 10,646 | 2 | 14 | 179 | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 4,121 | 5 | 13 | 210 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 16,253 | 4 | 14 | 199 | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 164 | 7 | 11 | 281 | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | 2,153 | 2 | 13 | 812 | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 1,175 | 3 | 13 | 973 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,577 | 3 | 12 | 2,435 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 13,029 | 1 | 12 | 398 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 88 | 5 | 12 | 1,410 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 186 | 4 | 12 | 671 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 247 | 7 | 13 | 936 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | 4,196 | 2 | 9 | 68 | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 116 | 7 | 12 | 937 | 2,875 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Pheasants | (D) | 1 | 9 | (D) | 1,544 |
| Layers | 16,045 | 2 | 13 | 666 | 3,024 |
| Cattle and calves | 8,986 | 2 | 13 | 2,082 | 3,060 |
| Quail | 4,018 | 1 | 7 | 208 | 1,386 |
| Turkeys ³ | (D) | (D) | 12 | (D) | 2,371 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 11,317 | 3 | 13 | 1,598 | 3,060 |
| Corn for silage | 3,510 | 1 | 11 | 444 | 2,263 |
| Vegetables harvested, all | 2,794 | 2 | 14 | 285 | 2,794 |
| Potatoes | 941 | 2 | 13 | 149 | 2,124 |
| Sweet corn | 656 | 4 | 13 | 150 | 2,384 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 219 | Farming | 350 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 90 | Other | 391 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 93 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 73 | Male | 546 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 93 | Female | 195 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 17 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 54.4 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 21 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 9 | American Indian or Alaska Native | (-) |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 33 | Asian | 11 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 39 | Black or African American | (-) |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 27 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | (-) |
| \$500,000 or more | 27 | White | 1,184 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 51,557 | More than one race | 3 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 69,578 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 4 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 9,060 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 12,227 | | |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.